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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Laid Open Application No. 05-111455 dated May 7, 1993, together with English language abstract.
2. Japanese Laid Open Application No. 05-154090 dated June 22, 1993, together with English language abstract.

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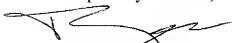

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The references listed above were cited in an Official Action dated January 22, 2008 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with the Japanese Official Action.

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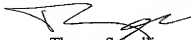
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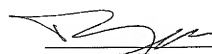

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